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Subject:  
Fw: On-site Evaluation Week  
From:  
Joe Slayton/ESC/R3/USEPA/US - Monday 07/30/2012 01:27 PM

Thanks TomO

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From: "Ong, Tom L" <Tom.L.Ong@wv.gov>  
To: Joe Slayton/ESC/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 07/30/2012 10:38 AM  
Subject: RE: On-site Evaluation Week

Just received another email this morning from FDA stating the following:

Tom:

We sincerely apologize for the position in which we have place the laboratory. Since arrangements were made with the EPA based on the original date we will excuse the laboratory from this year's split milk exercise. We are considering options to accommodate analysts and laboratories that have conflicts with the week of the 17th but have not made any decisions at this point.

Tom Graham

Looks like the issue is solved for now.

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From: Joe Slayton [mailto:Slayton.Joe@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Saturday, July 28, 2012 11:56 AM  
To: Ong, Tom L  
Cc: Dave Russell  
Subject: RE: On-site Evaluation Week

TomO: I took your initial message to mean FDA would try to accommodate labs that have conflicts with their changing FDA milk testing PT schedule. Is that not an option?

-----"Ong, Tom L" <Tom.L.Ong@wv.gov> wrote: -----

To: Joe Slayton/ESC/R3/USEPA/US@EPA

From: "Ong, Tom L" <Tom.L.Ong@wv.gov>

Date: 07/27/2012 05:05PM

Subject: RE: On-site Evaluation Week

I know you can't change plans and I would not even expect you all to even consider it. We will make it work. Mike Flesher, Tracy Goodson, Carole Moore and Chris Smith have to participate in the Milk PT's. We will have people rotating in and out of the Milk Lab and I can devote my time with Dr. Russell. I may not participate in the Milk Proficiency Tests this year, I would still remain provisional for another year. I'm being considered for another move – you know Charlotte's wanting to retire completely.

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From: Joe Slayton [mailto:Slayton.Joe@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 4:56 PM  
To: Ong, Tom L  
Cc: Dave Russell; George Long  
Subject: Re: On-site Evaluation Week

TomO when will FDA get back to you regarding the conflict? Who in your organization is impacted? We are locked in with all travel arrangements made as the dates have been set for many months.

-----"Ong, Tom L" <Tom.L.Ong@wv.gov> wrote: -----

To: Joe Slayton/ESC/R3/USEPA/US@EPA

From: "Ong, Tom L" <Tom.L.Ong@wv.gov>

Date: 07/27/2012 11:09AM

Cc: "Labik, Andrea M" <Andrea.M.Labik@wv.gov>, "Billingsley, Charlotte J" <Charlotte.J.Billingsley@wv.gov>  
Subject: On-site Evaluation Week  
Joe,

Just wanted to give you a heads up. FDA just informed me this morning that they are officially moving the Milk Split Samples (Proficiency Tests) from the week of September 10th to the week of September 17th. About a month ago, they sent out an email stating that they were thinking about moving the date back a week due to the number of other proficiency tests they were becoming involved in and asked for comments. These dates are historically set about 9 months in advance and for the past 20+ years have always been the same week (with the exception of September when the Twin Towers were hit and all flights were grounded). I strongly objected and informed them of our conflict. Since they made the move official, they said they would try to work with the few labs that had a conflict. I guess the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few. It will make for a very busy week.

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